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MEMORANDUM FOR:

, Chairman, Subcommittee on

Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications,

Central Intelligence Agency

VIA

Mr. Royal Wald, State Department Member of the

NSCID-16 Exploitation Subcommittee

FROM

: Oscar V. Armstrong, Department of State, DRF

SULJECT

: Hong Kong Press Monitoring Unit

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 20, 1957 regarding exploitation of political information from China Mainland newspapers by the Hong Kong Press Monitoring Unit. Our delay in replying to this memorandum has been due to the necessity of communicating with the Consulate General in Hong Kong.

It is our understanding that the proposal outlined in your memorandum is not intended to affect in any way the Unit's continued exploitation of economic information in China Mainland newspapers and periodicals. On this assumption, we concur with the proposal, and will be glad to assist in its implementation. Accordingly, we are advising the Press Monitoring Unit in Hong Kong that it should start sending to FDD periodical lists of articles of interest which it is unable to translate.

CC : BF

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